

## GOV. MURPHY RETURNS.

**Denounces Yellow Journalism—Says that Statehood is Within the Reach of Arizona.**

Governor Murphy returned yesterday morning from an eastern trip of several weeks. When asked for an interview upon the death of President McKinley he said the event was too horrible to be talked about calmly yet. It was, in his opinion, more paralyzing than the assassination of Garfield—even than the assassination of Lincoln. President McKinley had brought a glorious war to a close, and in his administration the country had been filled with unparalleled prosperity. Mr. McKinley had gained not only the confidence but the love of the country, so that his death entailed the loss of not only a great head of the nation, but its good friend.

Governor Murphy, speaking of his late interview in the Chicago Inter-Ocean, on the shooting of the president, said he had not expressed himself as strongly as he desired. In that interview he said that the maligning of the president and public men by a partisan press, the printing of outrageous caricatures and cartoons, were contributory to the feeling which inspires murderers of public officials. This is not a freedom of the press of which we boast, but a dangerous and disgraceful license. The proprietors of the yellow journals, Governor Murphy believed, were only a little less guilty of the murder of President McKinley than Czolgoz, who only actually fired the shot.

The governor was in Chicago on his way home at the time of the shooting. He waited there until there seemed no doubt of the president's recovery, and resumed his journey. He was so confident the president would get well that when he heard of his death on the train on Saturday the shock was as great as the news of the shooting when it was reported that it was fatal had been.

Governor Murphy says that statehood is now within Arizona's reach, but it must be reached for not in a half-hearted way. Oklahoma will certainly be admitted this winter, and Arizona will if the people of the territory desire it. They must demonstrate to congress that they want to be admitted, and they must organize and work together for admission.—Republican.

### Prescott's New Water Works.

The ten days' official test of the Del Rio water system was finished on Sunday, September 15, at 1 o'clock p. m., and the city's special engineer, W. W. Follett, on behalf of the city, accepted the plant from the contractors. The machinery worked to perfection, while the amount of water pumped daily exceeded the amount called for in the contract.

The general verdict of all who have witnessed the plant in operation is that it is first-class in every respect, the work done by the contractors being highly satisfactory and creditable to them.

Last September the city council purchased the Baker and Banghart ranches at Del Rio springs, twenty miles north of Prescott, in the Little Chino valley, in order to obtain title to the water rights of these ranches. There are four ranches furnished with water from these springs, each ranch, by court decree, owning all the water every fourth day. The city thus has all the water for two days. During the drought last fall the combined flow from these springs amounted to 2,500,000 gallons in twenty-four hours. It is now a little more than this, but under 3,000,000 gallons. The city has a permanent water supply sufficient for many times its present population.

### Our New Railroad.

A company has been organized in Phoenix to build a railroad from that city to Benson by the way of Florence, to be known as the Phoenix and Eastern, the distance being about 250 miles. Mr. Frank M. Murphy, president of the Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix, is at the head of the organization, and the directorate of the two roads will be much the same. The surveying party in charge of Mr. Leroy Orton, which left Florence two weeks ago, is now in the neighborhood of Kelvin, thirty miles east of here, and has run a very satisfactory line that distance. It will hug the Gila river and will have no heavy grades. At the box canyon of the Buttes, where the river runs through a gorge and makes a bend, two bridges will be built across the Gila, which at this point is less than 150 feet wide, with solid rock abutments. This is really the only difficult problem on the proposed road, and Mr. Orton has solved it to his entire satisfaction. The work of the engineers has been most thorough, in some places as many as three lines having been run. The survey so far bears the stamp of being anything but preliminary, and when it is completed, it is safe to say, the plans and estimates will be ready for the contractors.

Mr. Murphy is now in Europe, but will return next month with ample capital for the entire construction, which will be pushed from both ends.—Florence Blade.

### A Sensational Story.

Burt Gibson, a hunter, came to town yesterday. Gibson has been figuring in a sensational story which got into circulation soon after the discovery of the body of John McCarty, when charges began to be more or less publicly made that the remains were not those of Mr. McCarty, but were a part of the property in a plot to defraud insurance companies to the amount of \$28,000. Gibson was known to be in the neighborhood of McCarty's camp at the time of his disappearance. For a long time Gibson was not heard from by any person in this part of the country. It was known that he and McCarty were unfriendly, so that when the body said to be McCarty's was found a suspicion was uttered that it was the body of Gibson and that he had been killed by McCarty in furtherance of the alleged life insurance plot.

When the body was brought here it was said by some of those who had been hunting for it that at the time of its finding Gibson was alive and well in his camp, about four miles away.

That story was doubted by acquaintances of Gibson, and the doubt was not removed until he appeared in the flesh punching a lot of burros yesterday morning.—Phoenix Republican.

### A Complete Vindication.

A dispatch from Washington to the Florence Blade under date of September 12 says:

Attorney General Knox to-day filed a lengthy decision dismissing all charges against Circuit Judge Abram S. Humphreys of Honolulu, and commending him for his fidelity, integrity, courage and ability. The attorney general severely scores the bar association of the Hawaiian islands for having presented the charges, and refused to consider the affidavit of District Attorney Cooper of Pima county, Arizona. It is probable an indictment for perjury will grow out of this affidavit, as it is known to be maliciously false.

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